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When America entered the Great War she found there existed a world-wide ship famine. The enormous destruction by the German submarines had forced the Allied Nations to recall their ships from the trade routes of the world to transport and supply their armies in the field.

America undertook to place in France an army many times larger than was ever before transported over seas, with the vast armament and supplies required for a modern army.

Thousands of ships must be built for this purpose with all possible speed if the war was to be won. The solution of this problem was placed in the hands of the hastily created United States Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

All ships under construction were immediately requisitioned. Existing shipyards were extended, new yards built in all parts of the country of a capacity and magnitude undreamed of before in the history of shipbuilding.

Existing housing facilities were obviously inadequate to meet this demand in addition to the needs of the many other Government war activities in the same localities. The existing housing facilities in the sections of Government activity were hopelessly inadequate and the construction of housing was compulsory as an essential element in the successful prosecution of the shipbuilding program.

Congress appropriated \$75,000,000 to provide houses for shipbuilders. Thirty-one housing developments were carried out, comprising 8648 dwellings; 92 apartment buildings, containing 849 apartments and 110 stores; 94 dormitories, containing 3232 rooms; 5 hotels with a total of 1054 rooms; and 6 boarding houses with 245 rooms.

Many of these houses have been sold individually to the shipbuilders and the public on ten-year deferred payment plan. Some of the developments have been sold outright to Shipbuilding Companies whose plants are permanent to house their employees. Others are being held by the Emergency Fleet Corporation through local realty companies and are being rented to the employees of the shipyards and to the general public.

The illustrations on the following pages show views and plans of the villages and the general character of the houses built. Many of the plans were made by architects imbued with the "Garden City Idea," and, while

they are attractive for general suburban development, are too ambitious and expensive for practical dwellings for the general run of workmen. Many valuable and helpful suggestions we believe, however, can be gathered from the housing carried out by the Emergency Fleet Corporation in connection with the war activities of the Government.

This publication does not assume to be a report of record of the work of the Housing Division of the United States Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation; but is the gathering together of only a few representative drawings and photographs showing in general way the housing provided for the accommodations of shipyard workers. These typical examples will give an idea of the general character and scope of the results accomplished in a new and difficult housing field. In general, the plans and photographs shown are self-explanatory.



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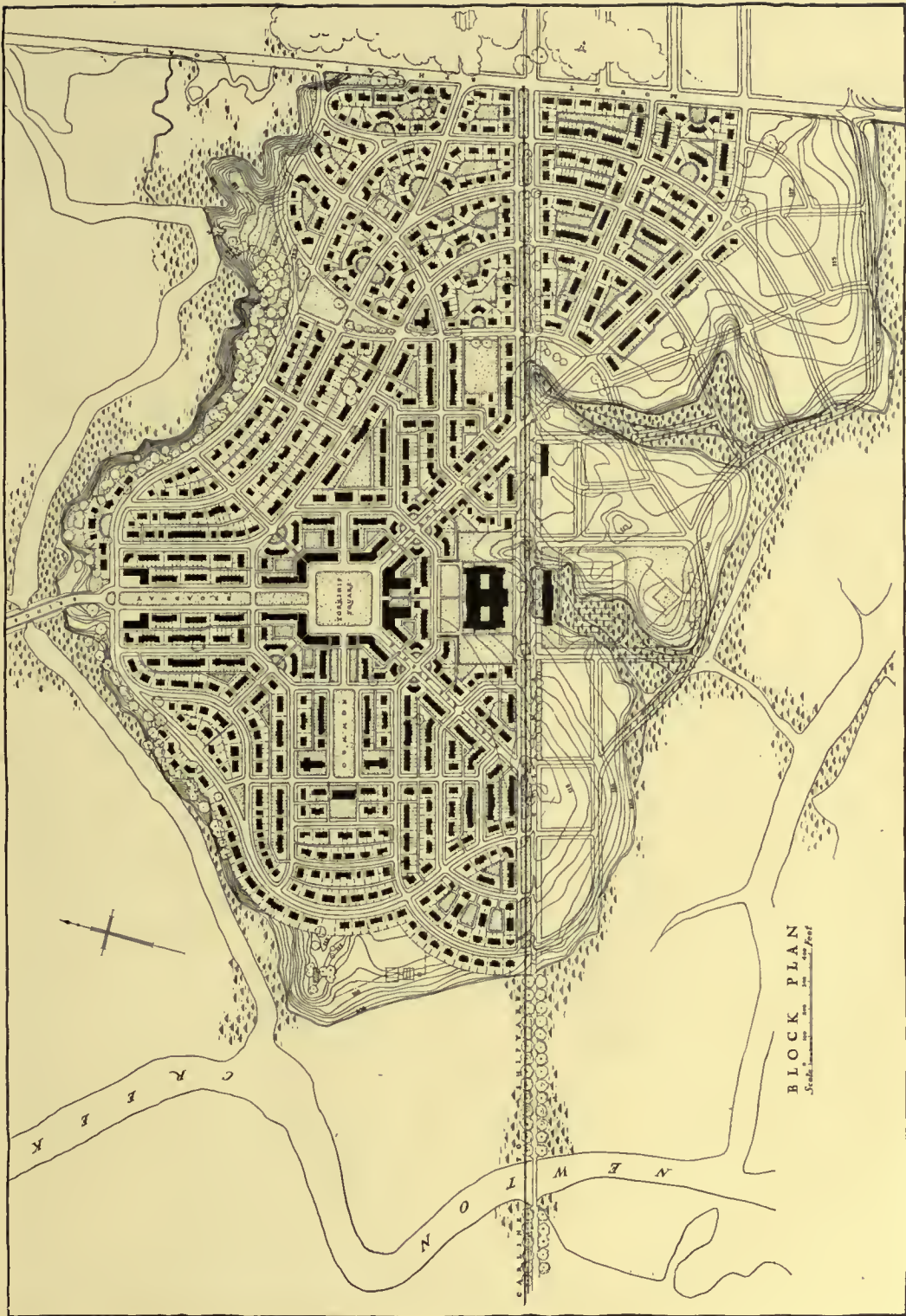
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YORKSHIP VILLAGE

STREET VIEW

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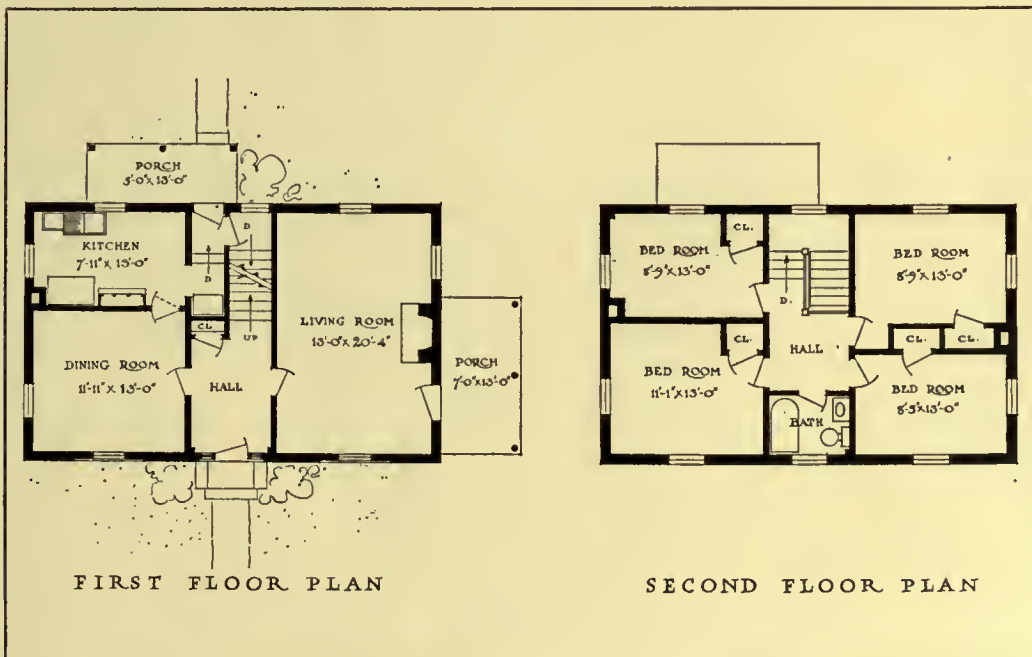
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YORKSHIP VILLAGE

APARTMENT HOUSE
(FOR PLAN SEE PAGE 11)

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SINGLE HOUSE

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YORKSHIP VILLAGE

GROUP OF THREE HOUSES
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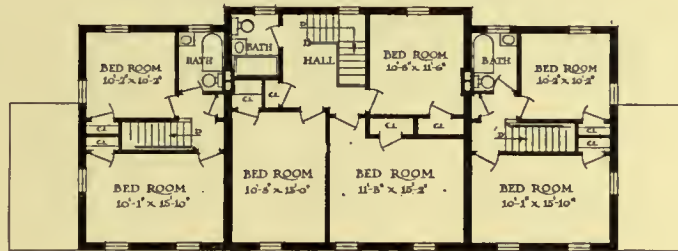
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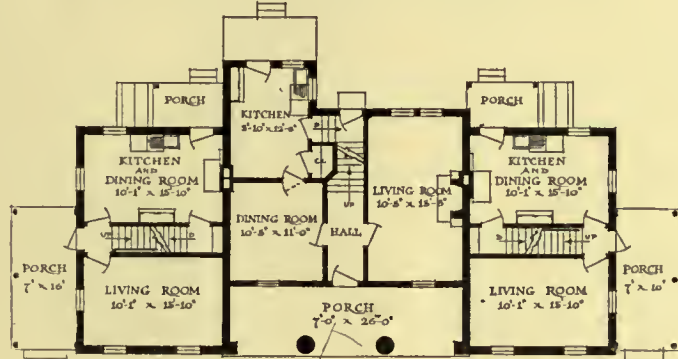
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THREE ~ FAMILY HOUSE

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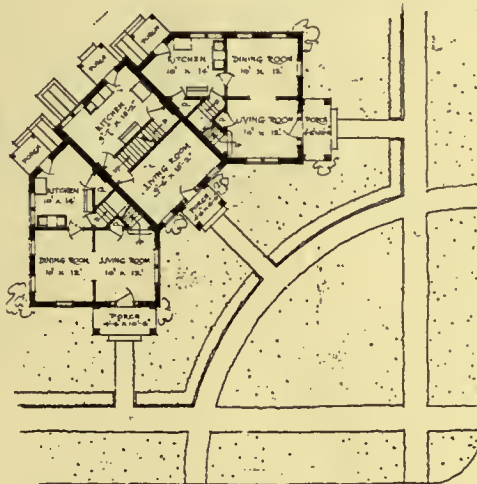
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THREE ~ FAMILY HOUSE

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THREE-FAMILY HOUSES

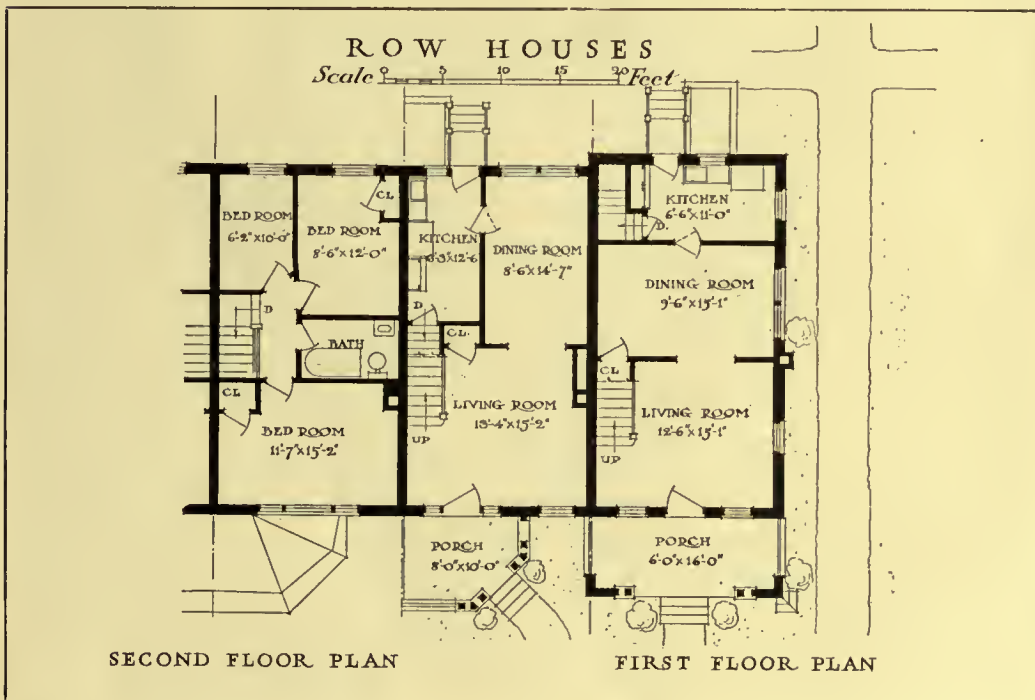
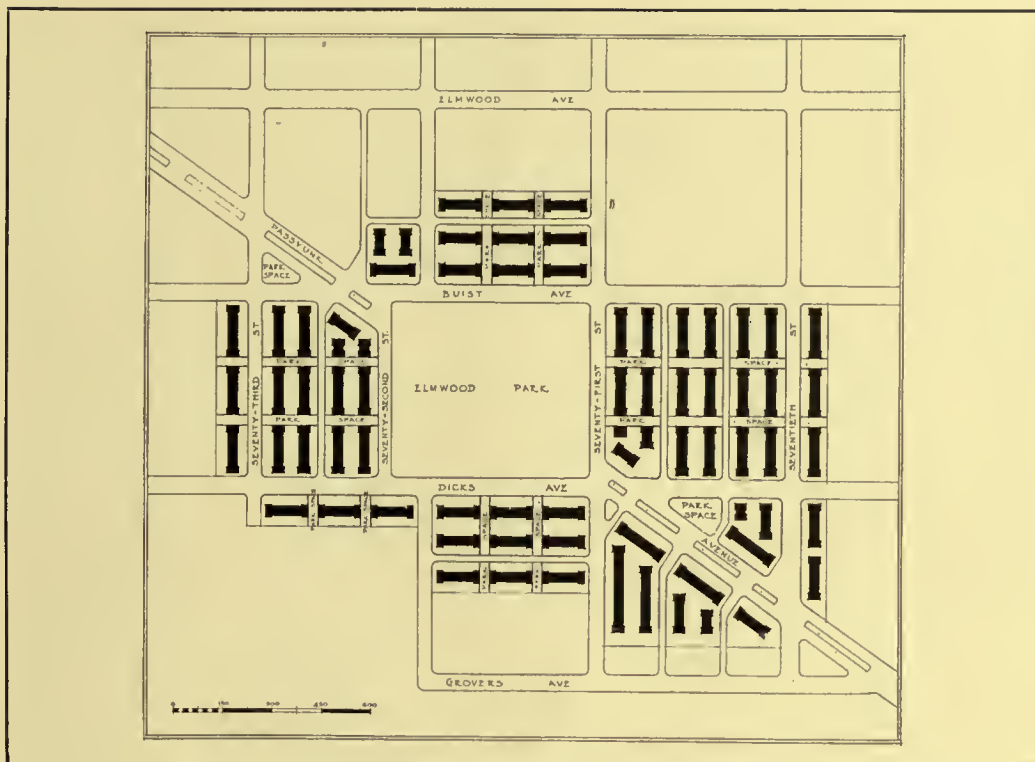
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YORKSHIP VILLAGE

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VIEW SHOWING TYPES OF HOUSES BUILT, AND ONE OF THE PARKWAYS LOOKING INTO ELMWOOD PARK.



TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN

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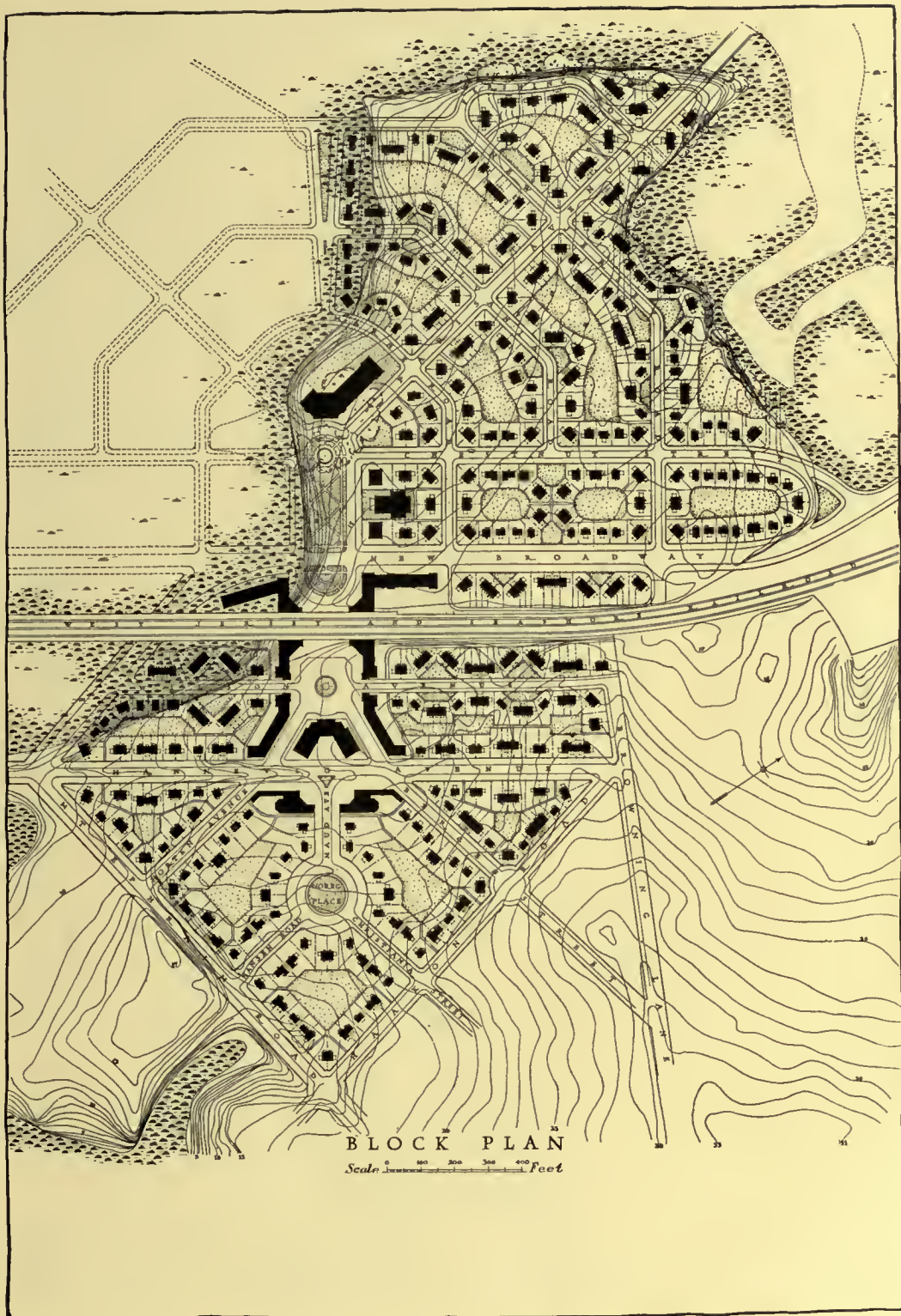
VIEW SHOWING PARKWAYS THROUGH THE BLOCKS OF HOUSES FOR LIGHT AND VENTILATION.
IN THE FOREGROUND IS A LARGE JAPANESE PAGODA TREE WHICH WAS FOUND ON THE SITE.



PHILADELPHIA, PA.
VIEW OF HOUSES ON 72ND ST. AT CORNER OF PASSYUNK AVE.



PHILADELPHIA, PA.
VIEW OF HOUSES ON HOLBROOK STREET



NOREG VILLAGE

PLOT PLAN

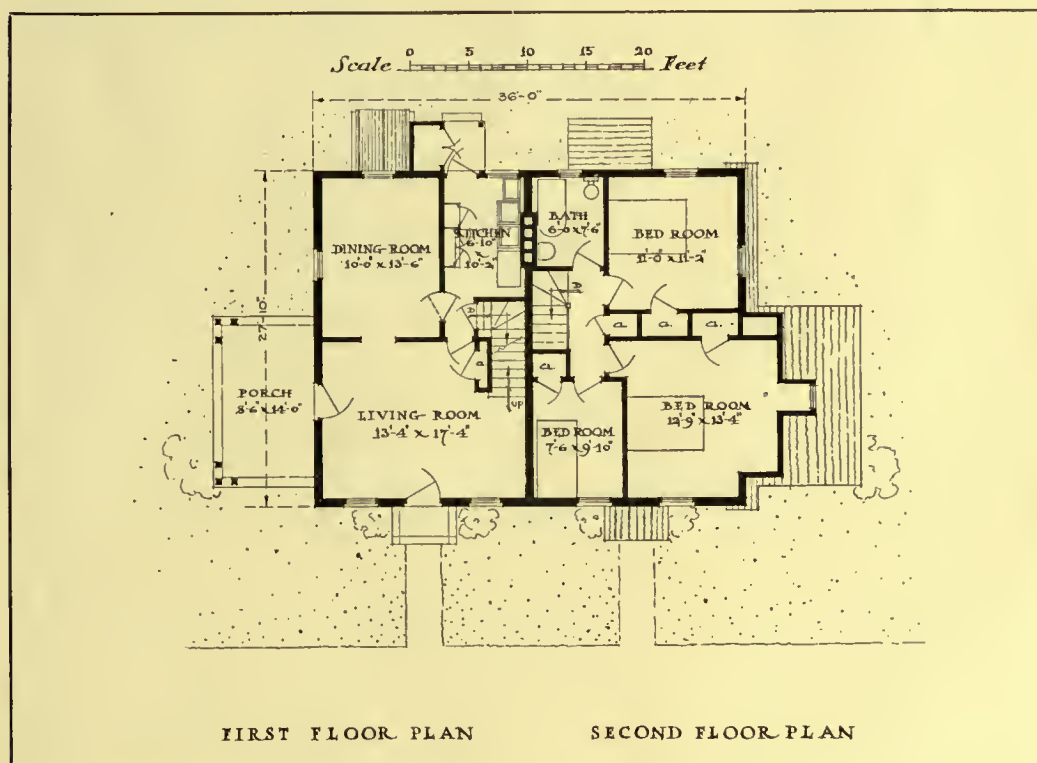
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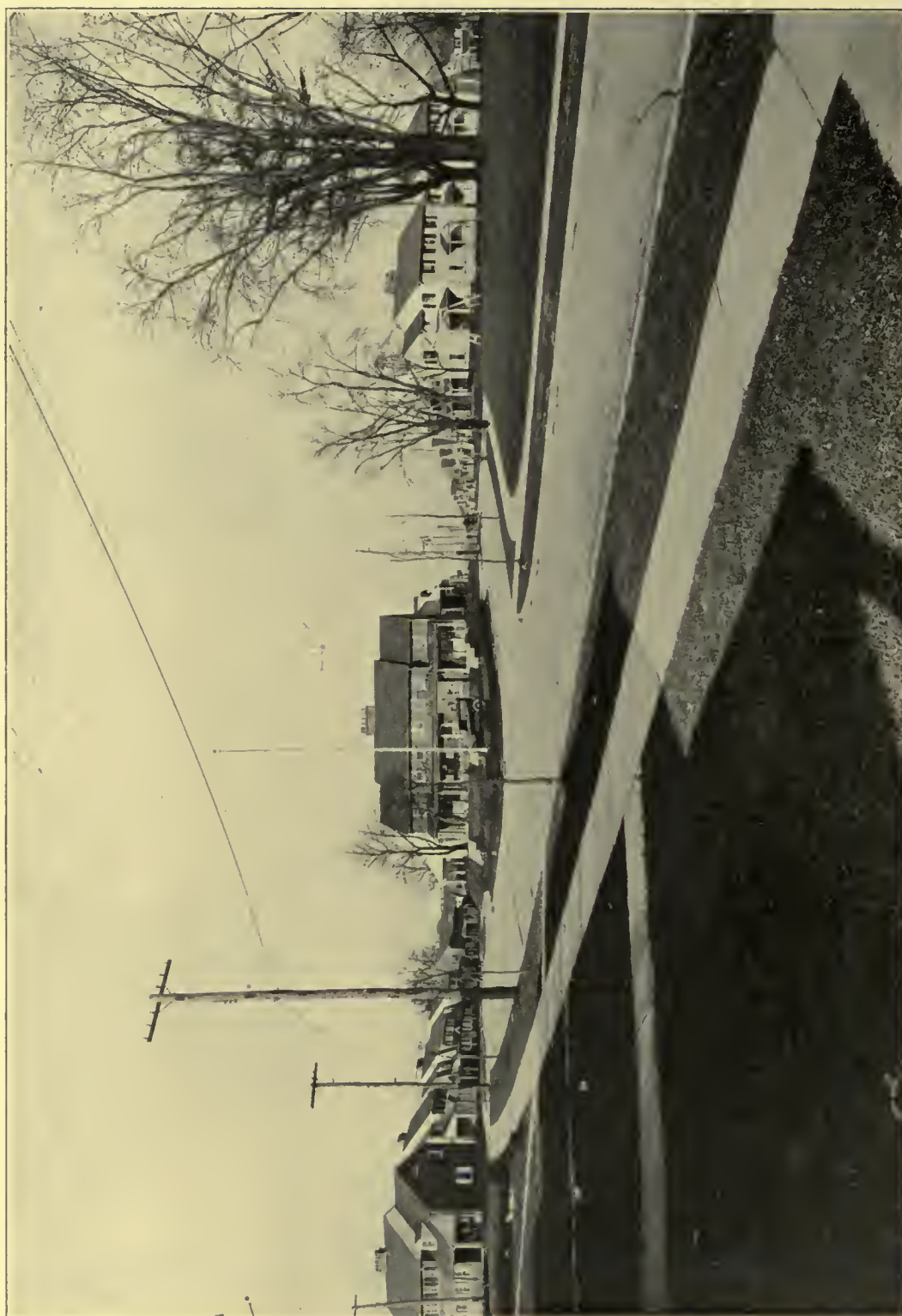
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BUCKMAN VILLAGE

SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES

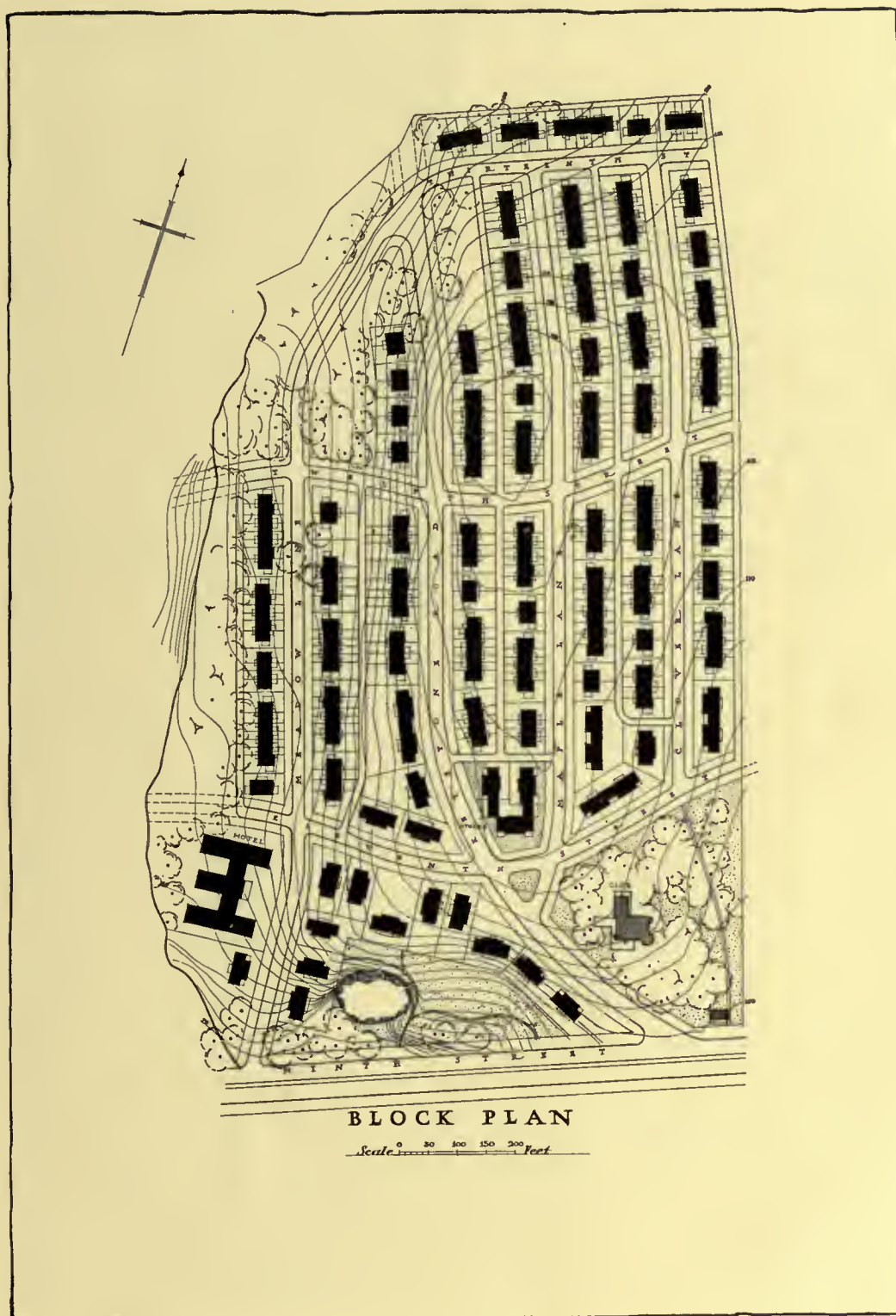
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BUCKMAN VILLAGE

STREET VIEW

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BUCKMAN VILLAGE

PLOT PLAN

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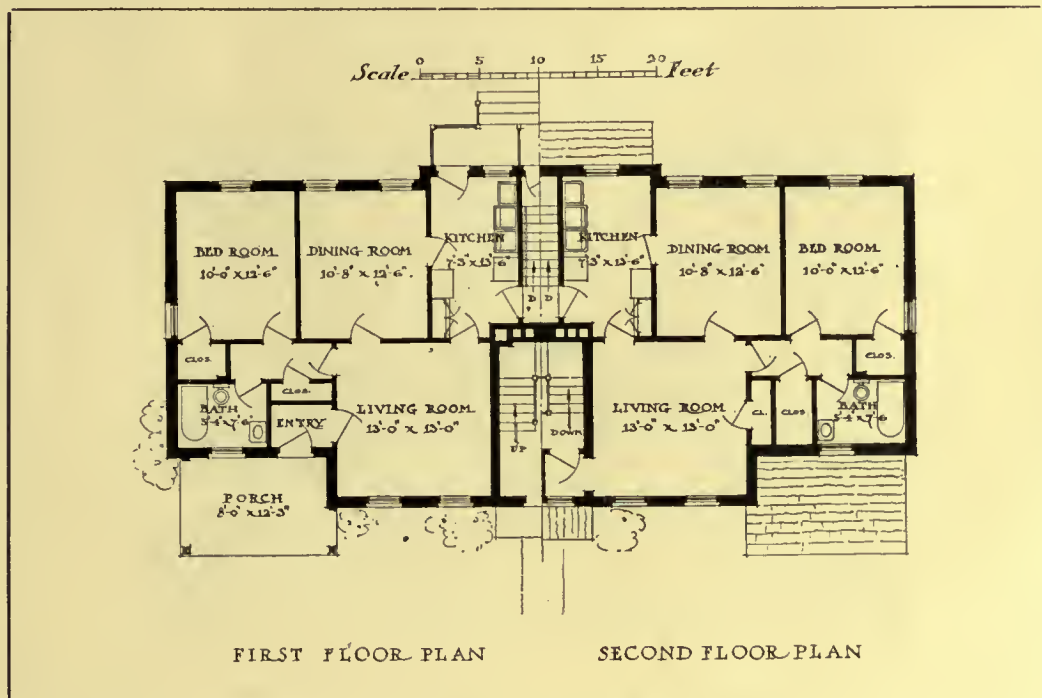
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FOUR-FAMILY APARTMENT

BUCKMAN VILLAGE



BUILDINGS GROUPED WITH A COMMON FORECOURT



BUCKMAN VILLAGE

FOUR-FAMILY APARTMENTS

CHESTER, PA.



A STREET SCENE IN BUCKMAN

CHESTER, PA.

INSTEAD OF SOLID ROWS OF HOUSES A BLOCK IN LENGTH, THE HOUSES ARE BUILT IN UNITS OF FROM THREE TO SEVEN OR EIGHT HOUSES. THERE ARE ALSO TWIN HOUSES.

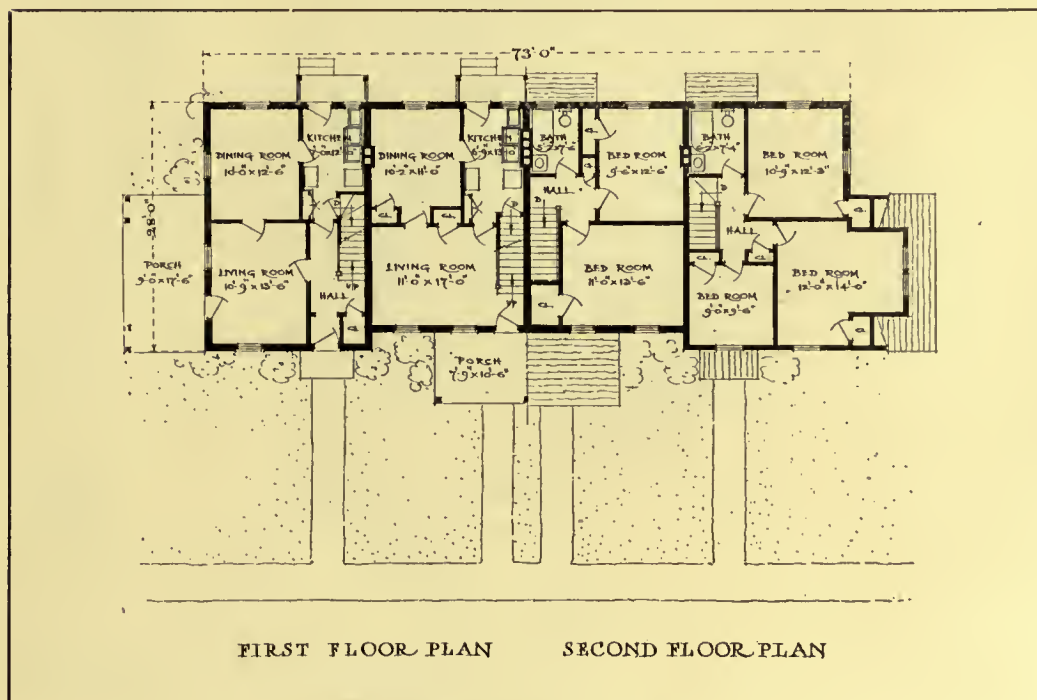
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ENTRANCE TO A BACK ALLEY AT BUCKMAN

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BUCKMAN VILLAGE

FOUR-FAMILY ROW HOUSES

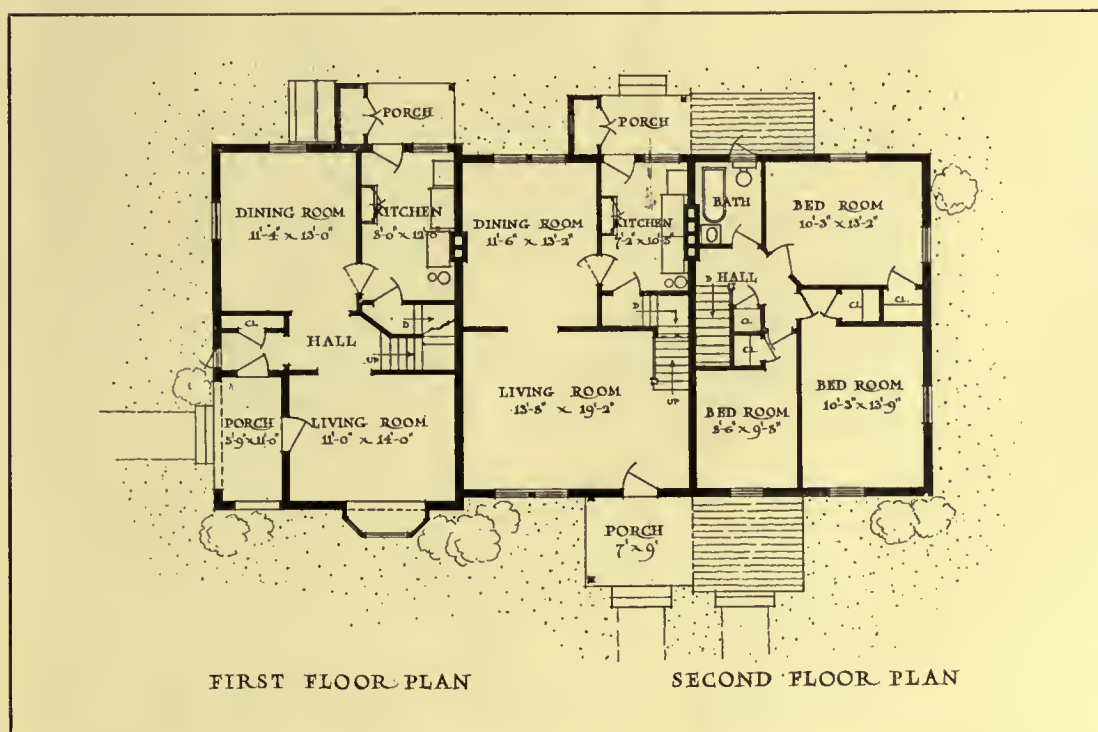
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"SUN HILL"

STREET VIEW

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"SUN HILL"

THREE-FAMILY HOUSE

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STREET VIEW

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GARAGE ROW—"SUN HILL"



"SUN HILL"

AN ALLEY IN "SUN HILL"

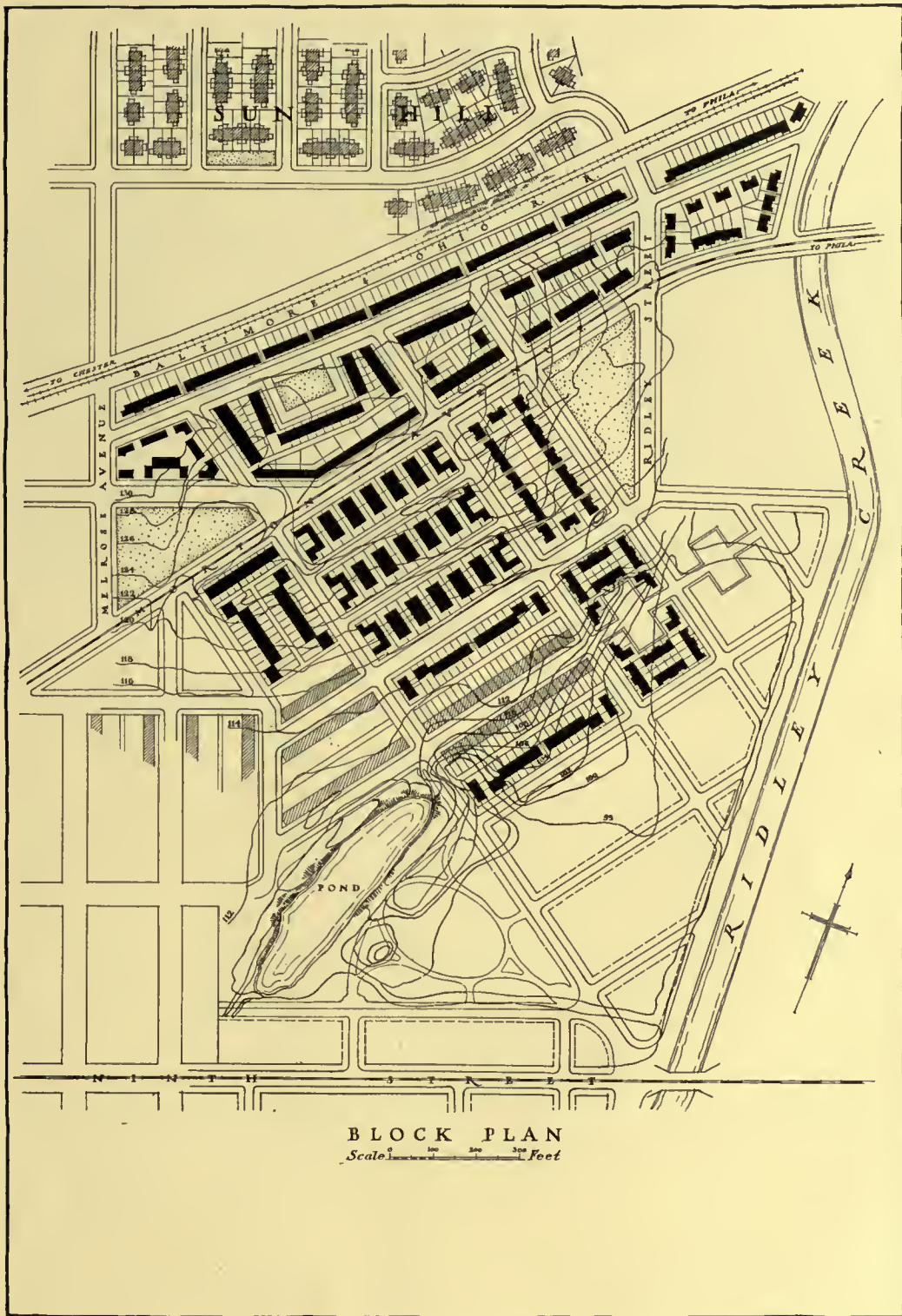
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SUN VILLAGE

STREET VIEW

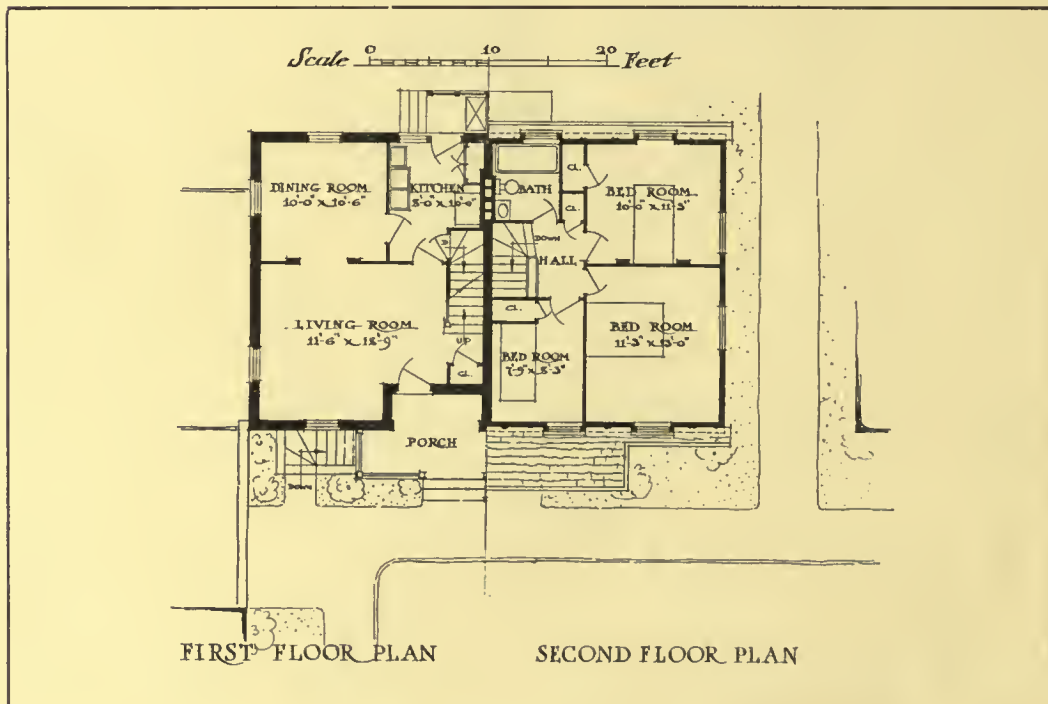
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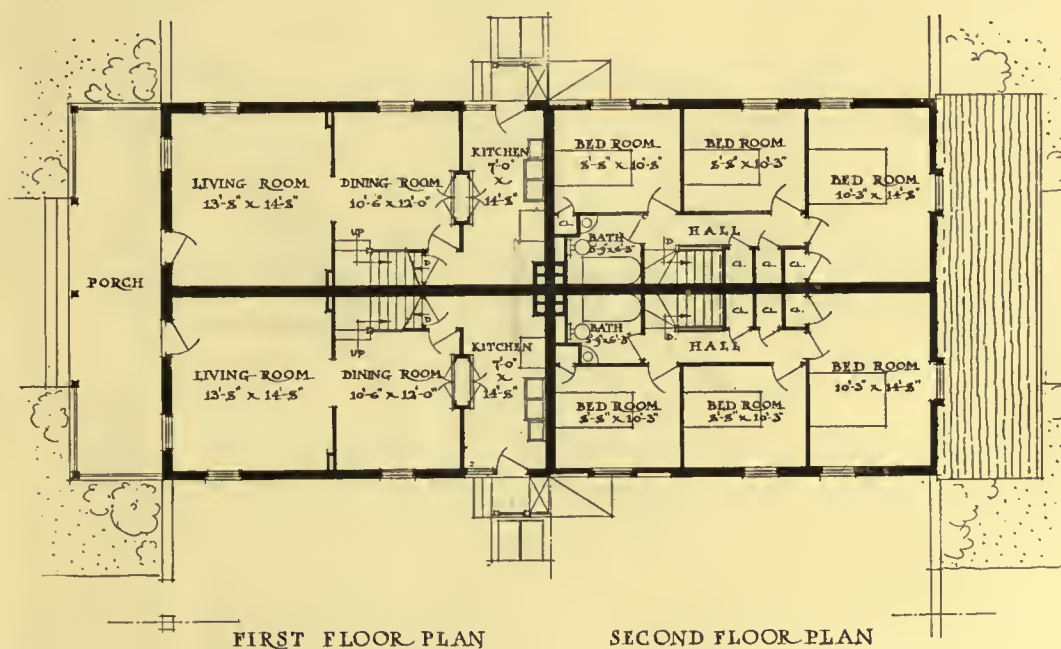
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SUN VILLAGE

SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES

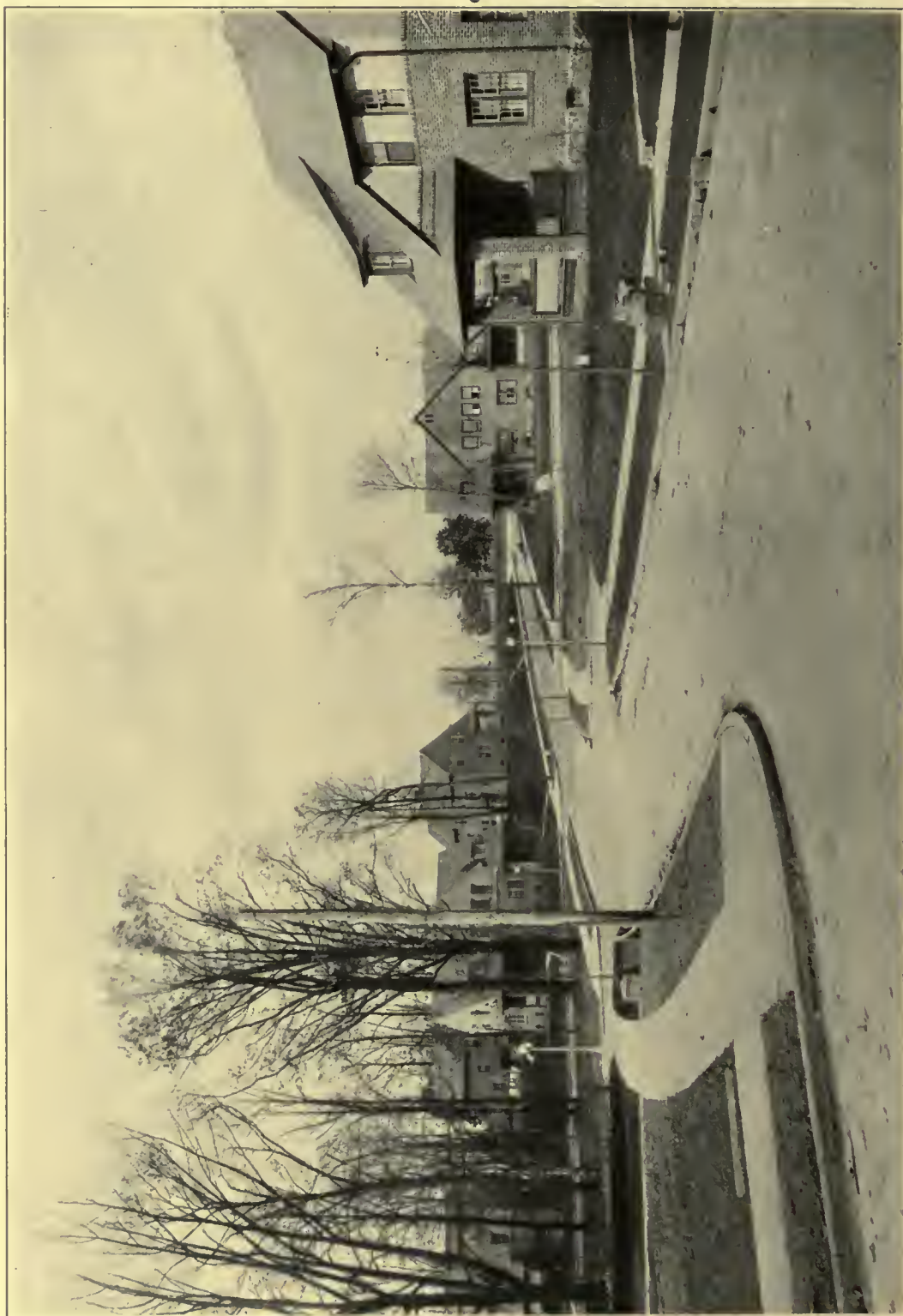
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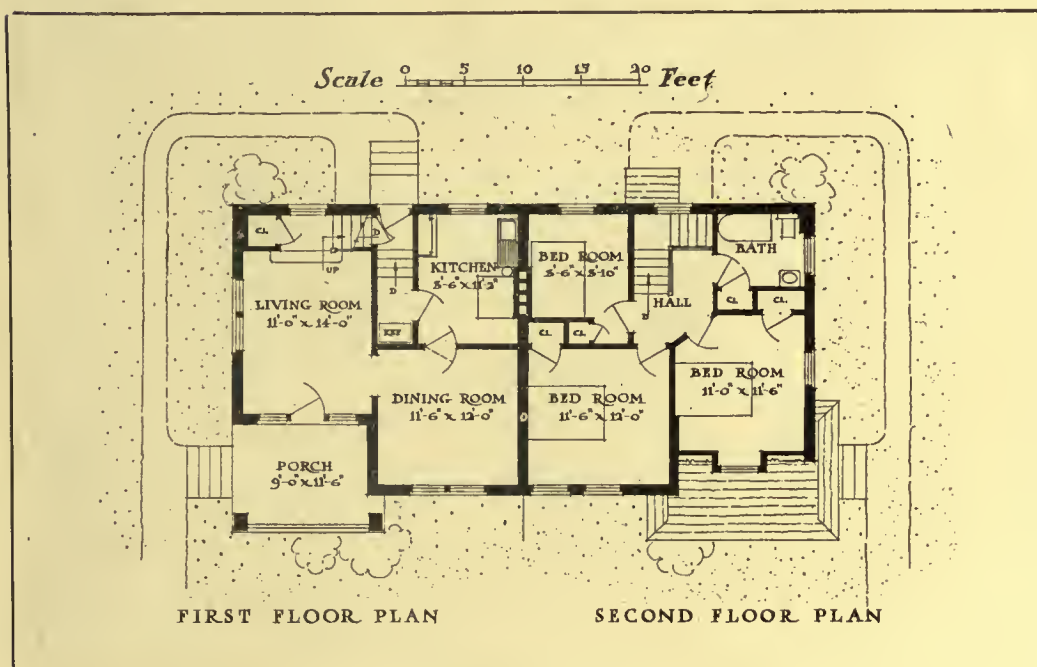
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UNION PARK GARDENS

STREET VIEW

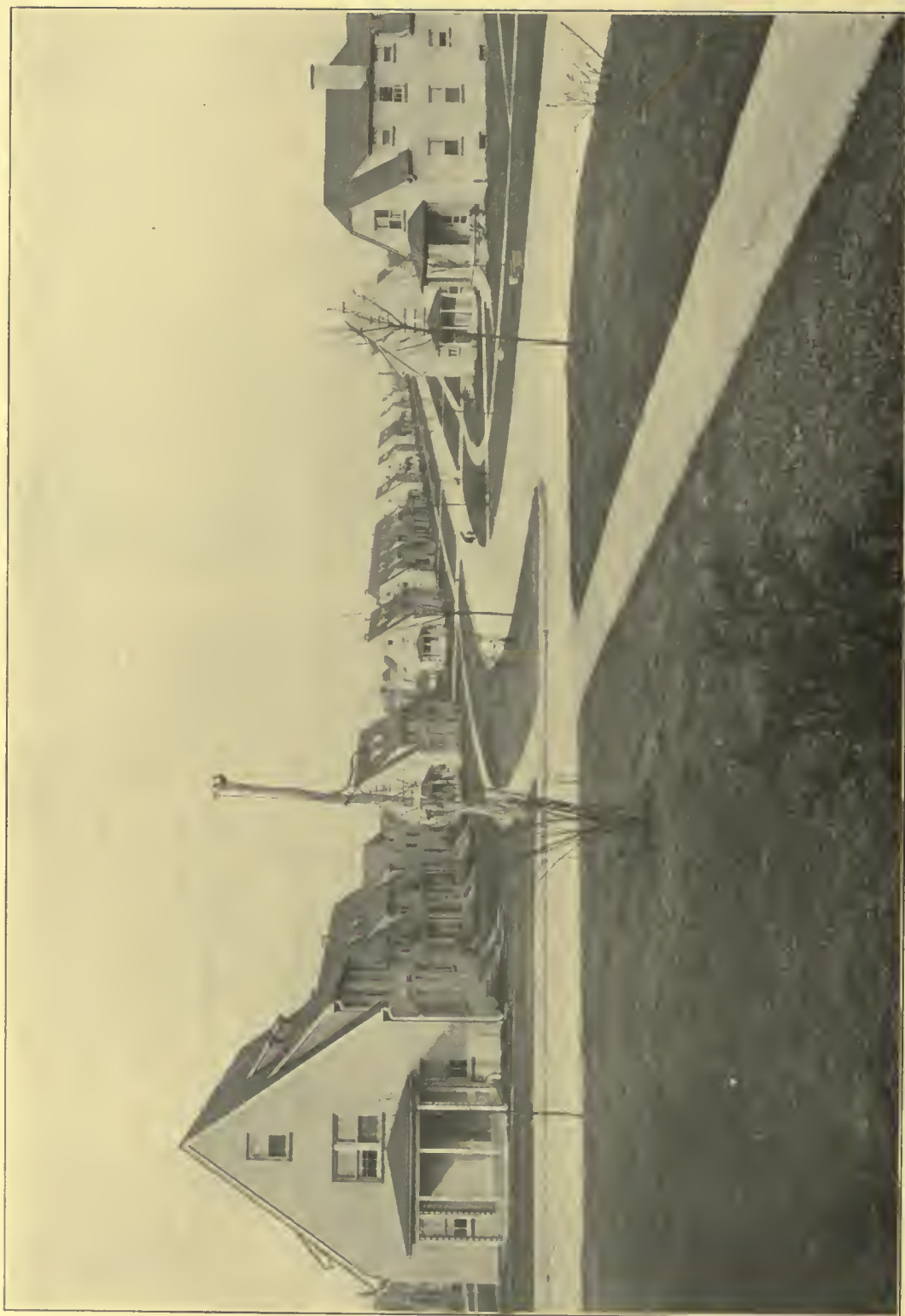
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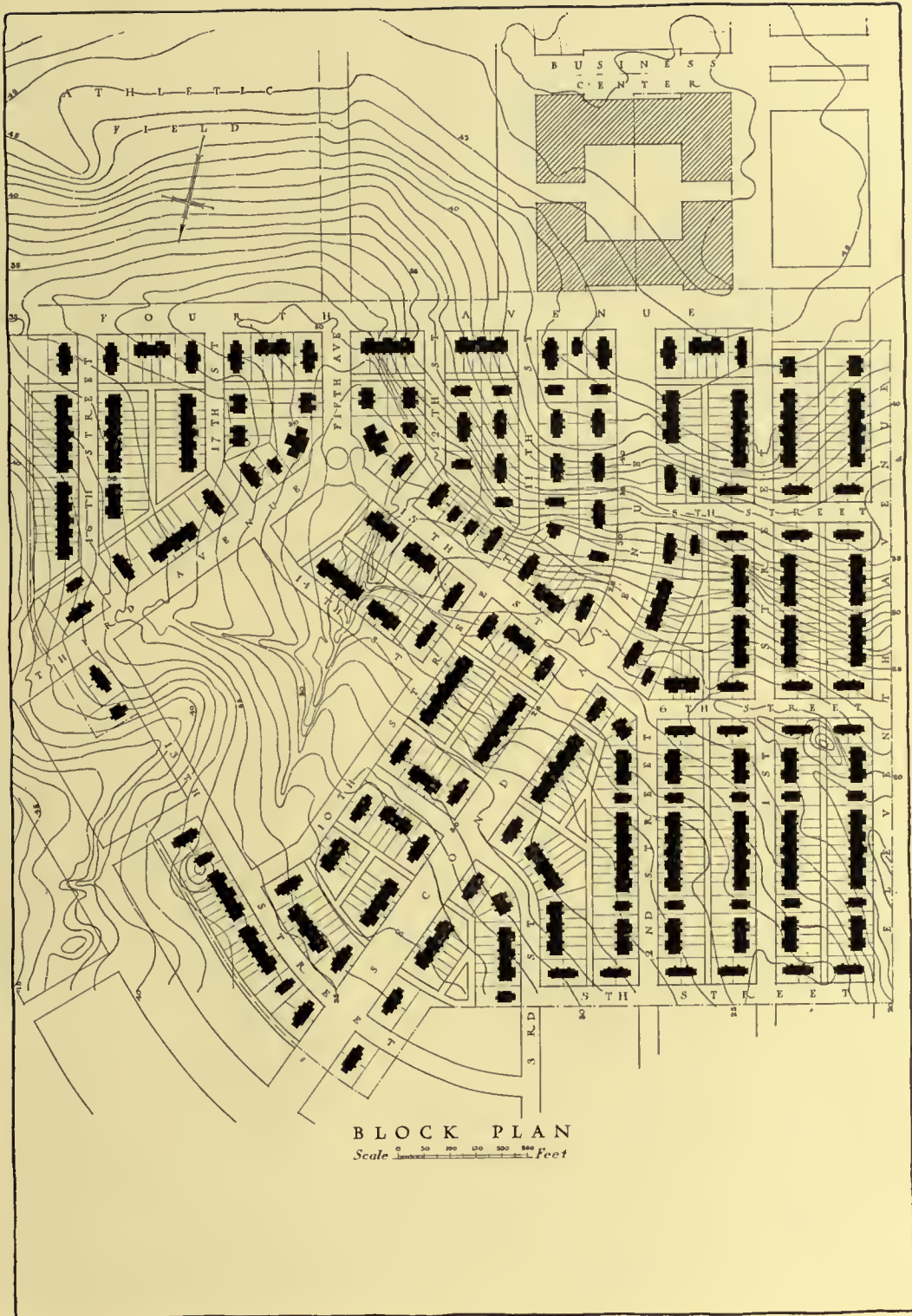
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DUNDALK, MD.

STREET VIEW



DUNDALK, MD.

PLOT PLAN



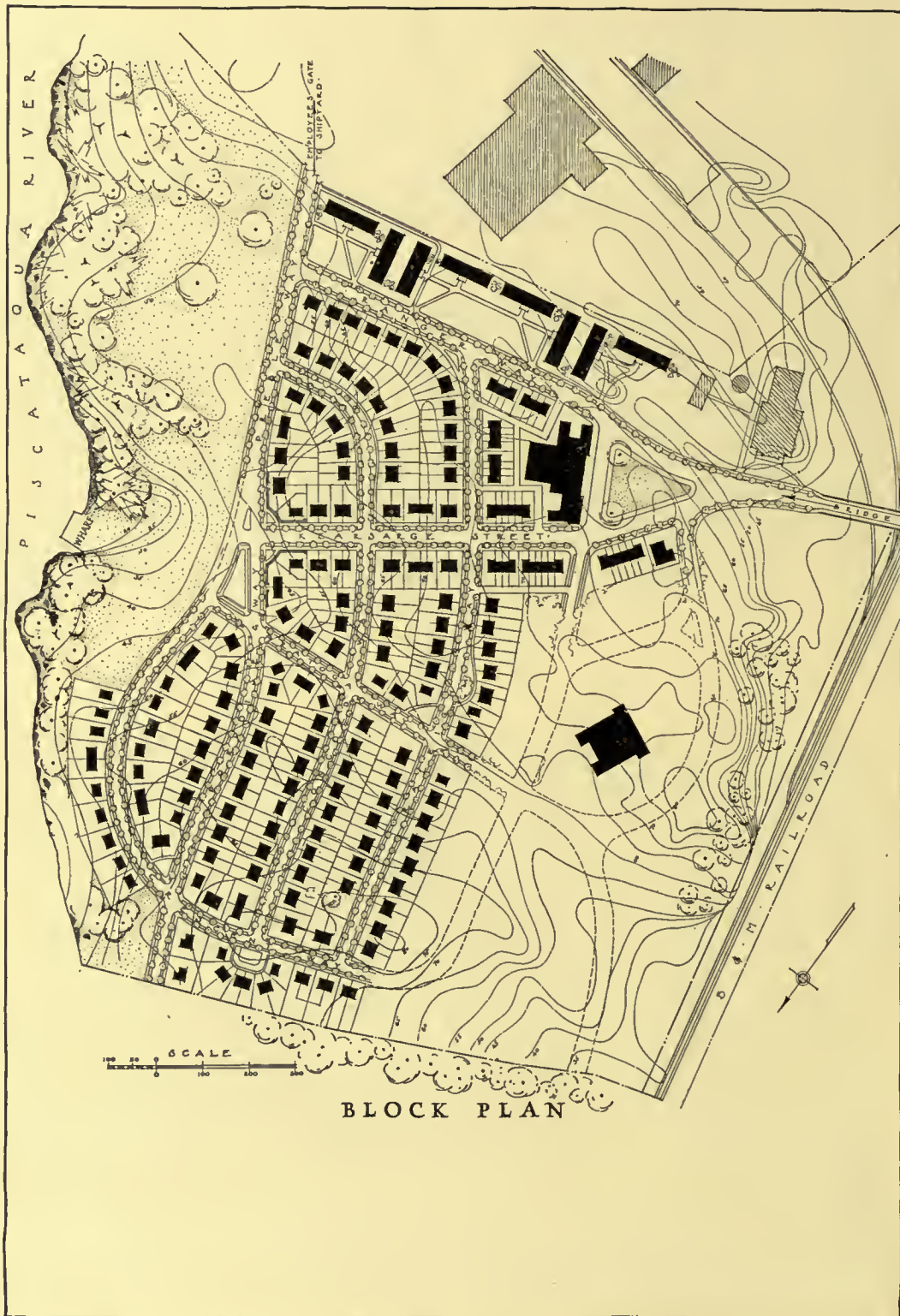
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STREET VIEWS



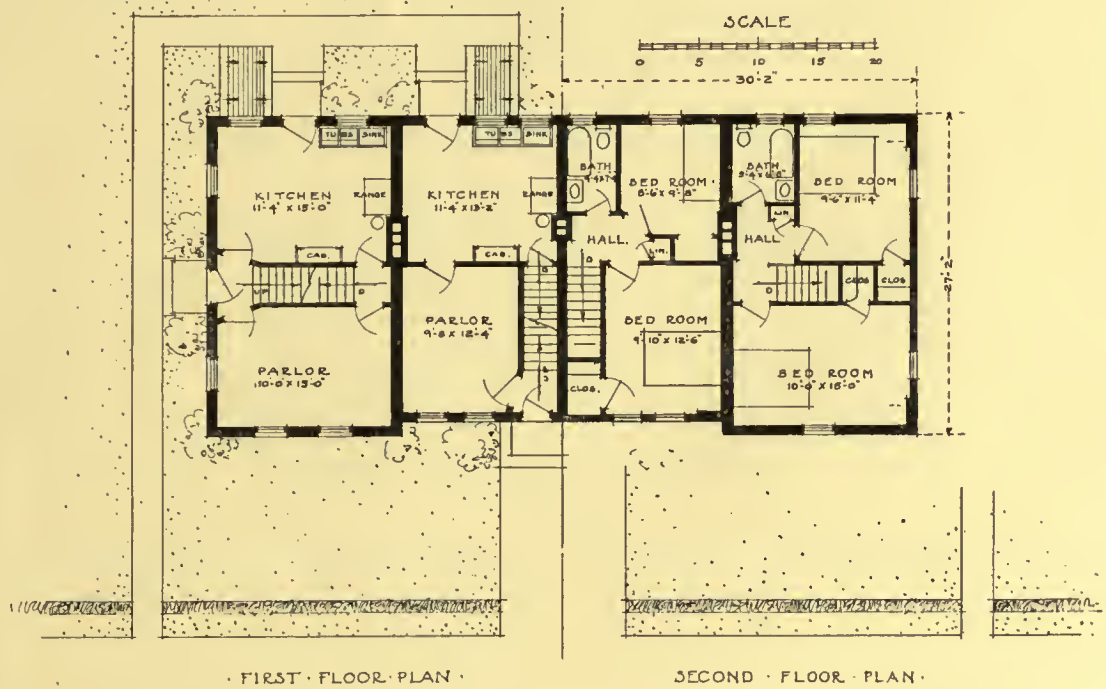
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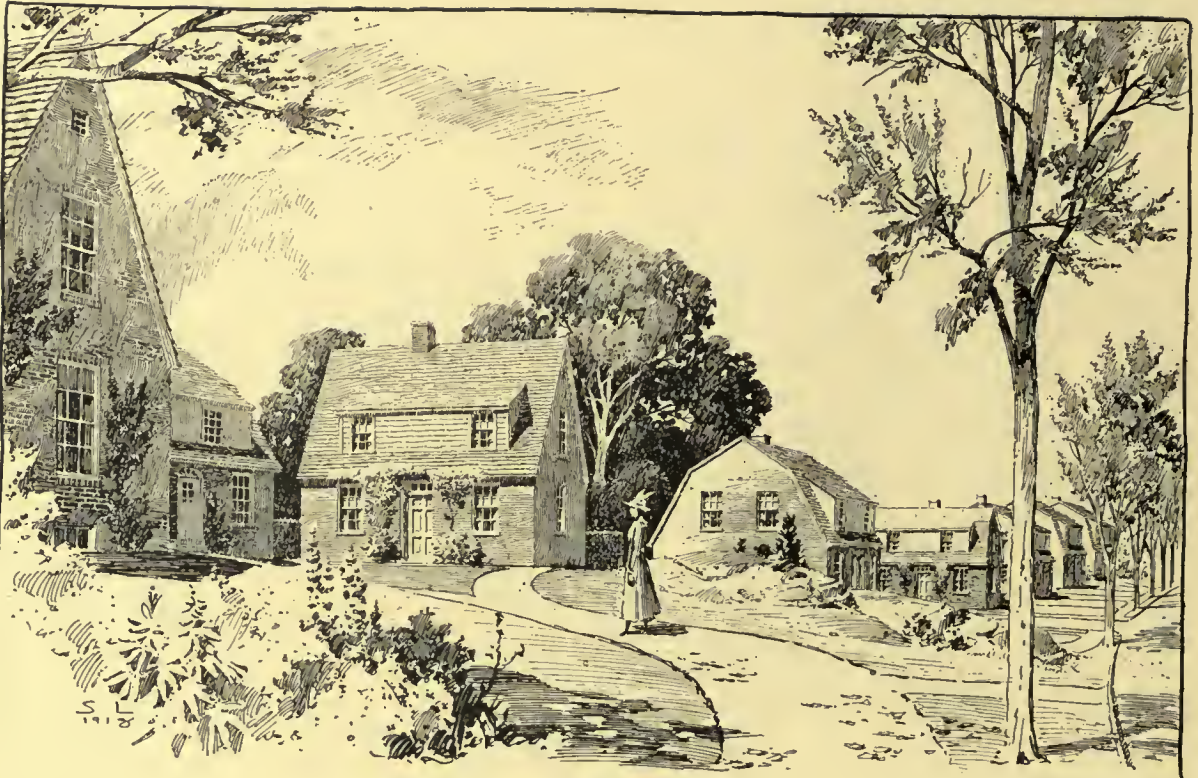


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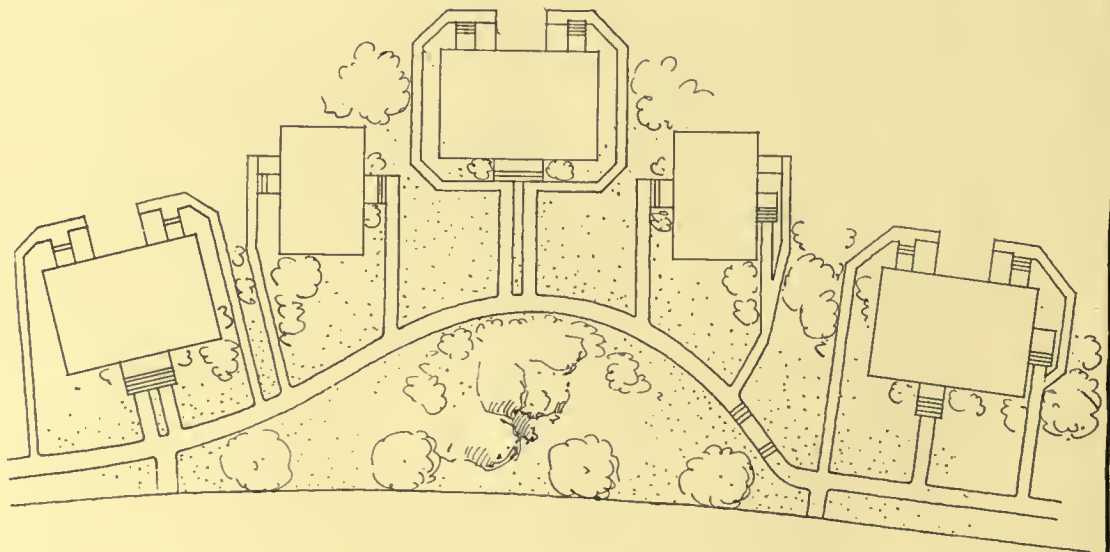


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STREET GROUP

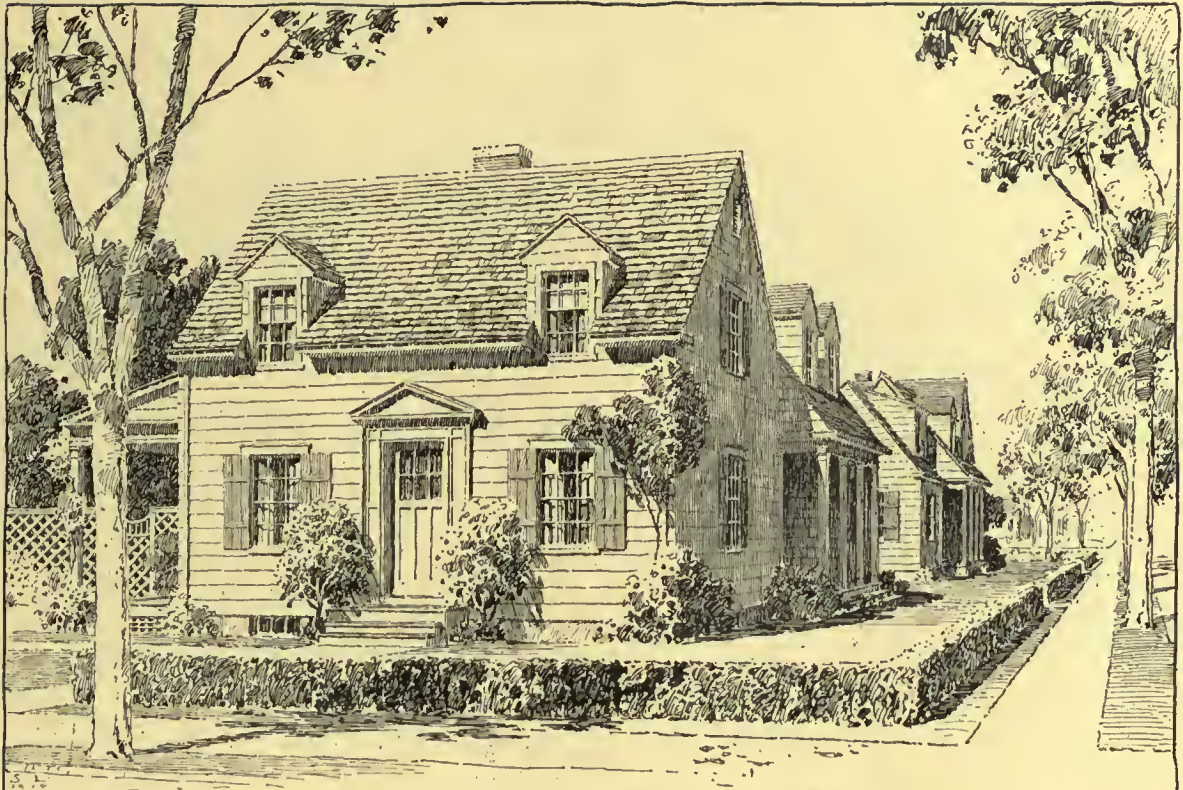


BLOCK PLAN

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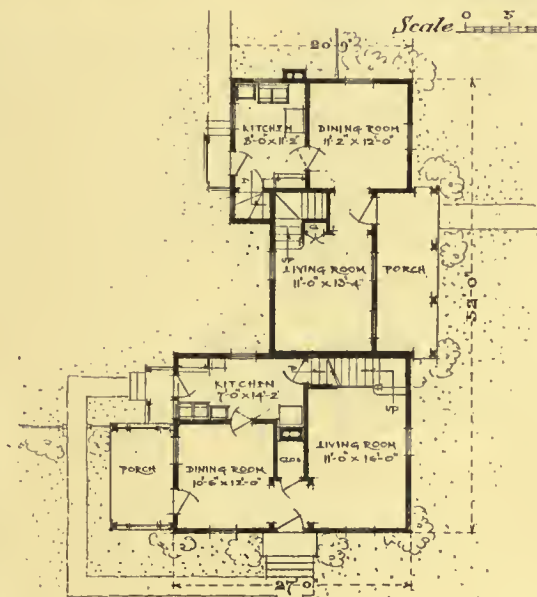
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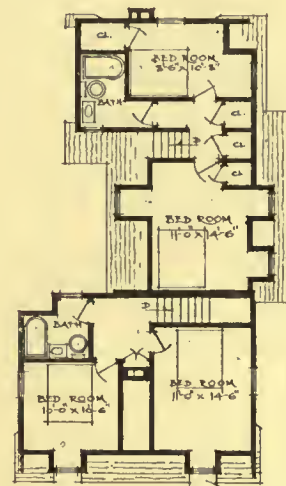


SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES

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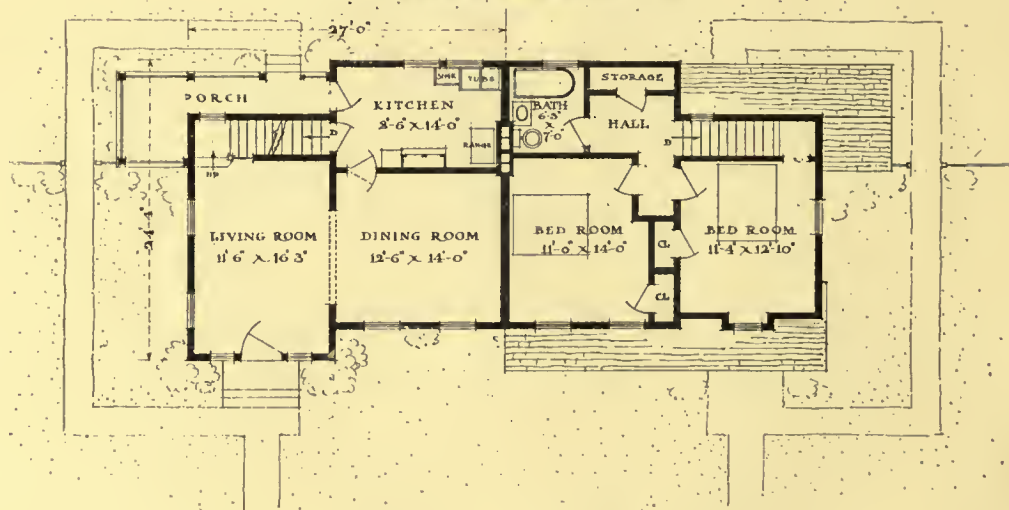
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LORAIN, OHIO

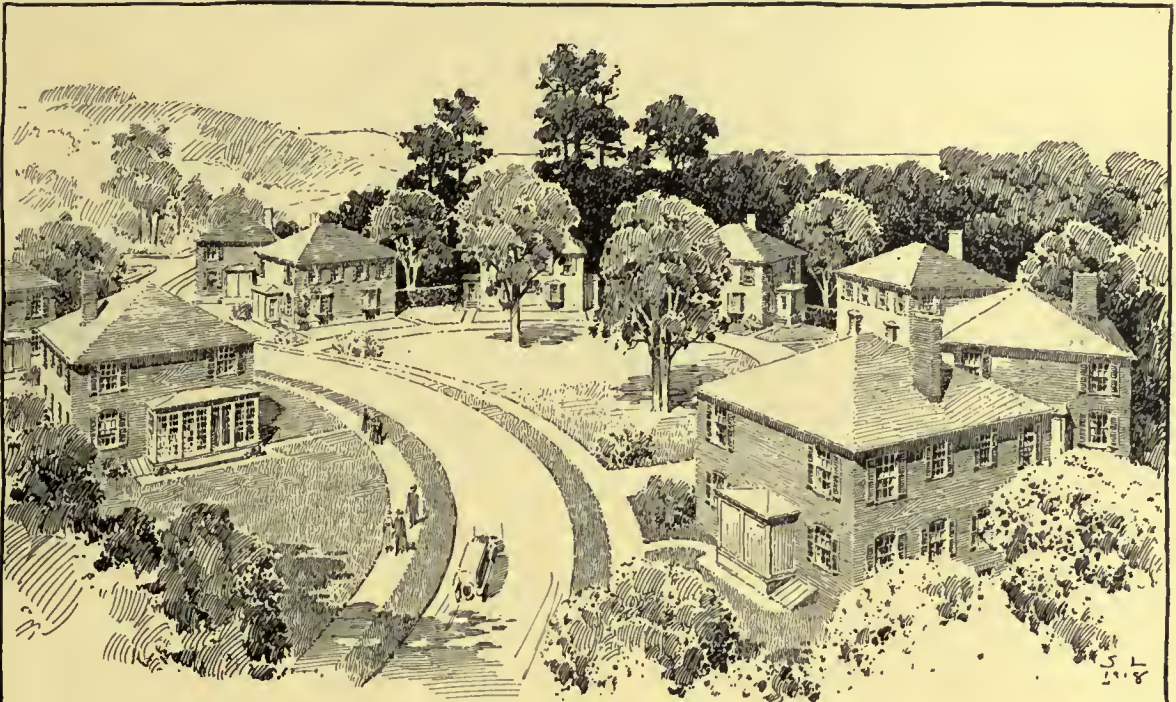


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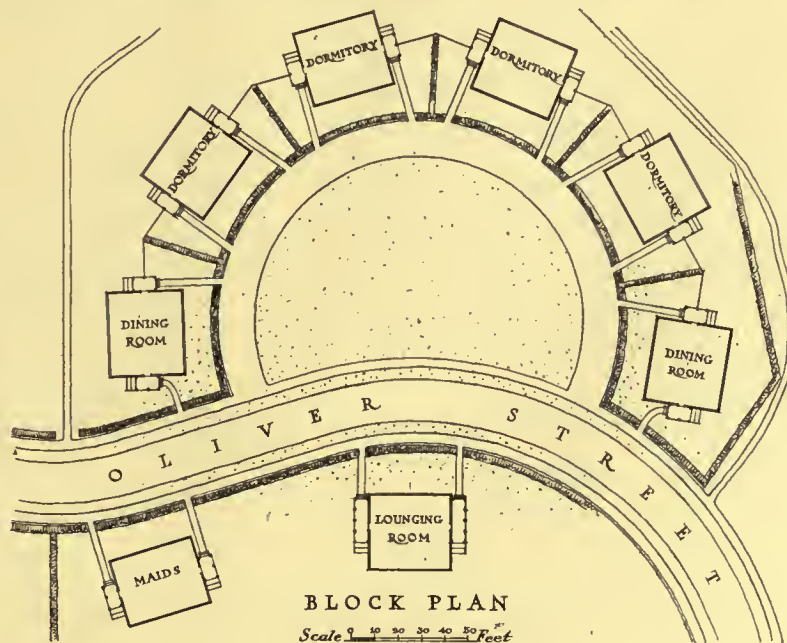
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LORAIN, OHIO



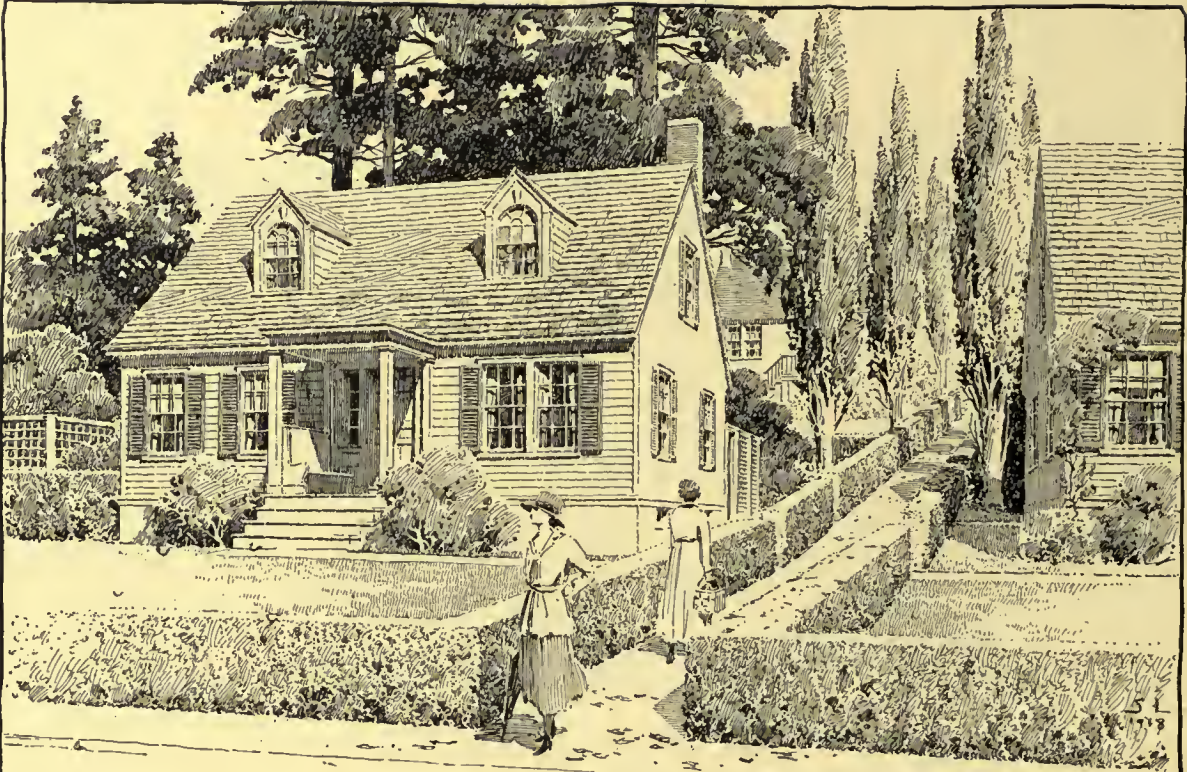
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BATH, MAINE

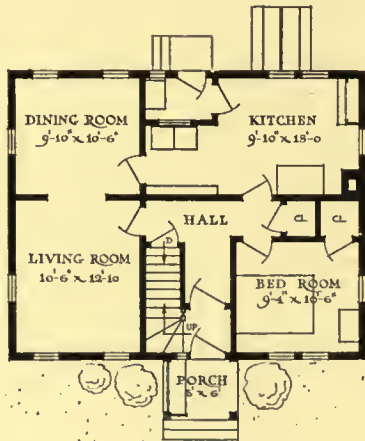
THIS GROUP WAS BUILT FOR DORMITORY PURPOSES, SO PLANNED AS TO BE CONVERTIBLE TO SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES.

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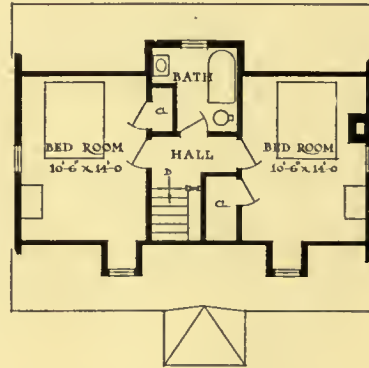


DETACHED HOUSE

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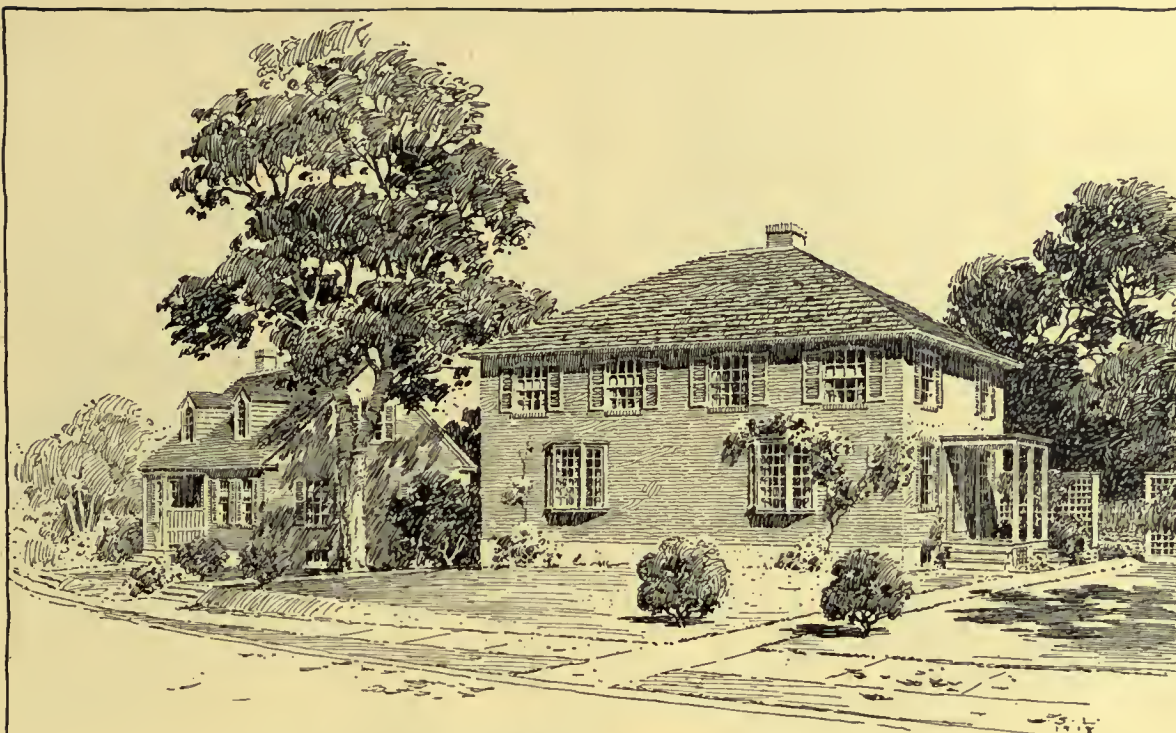


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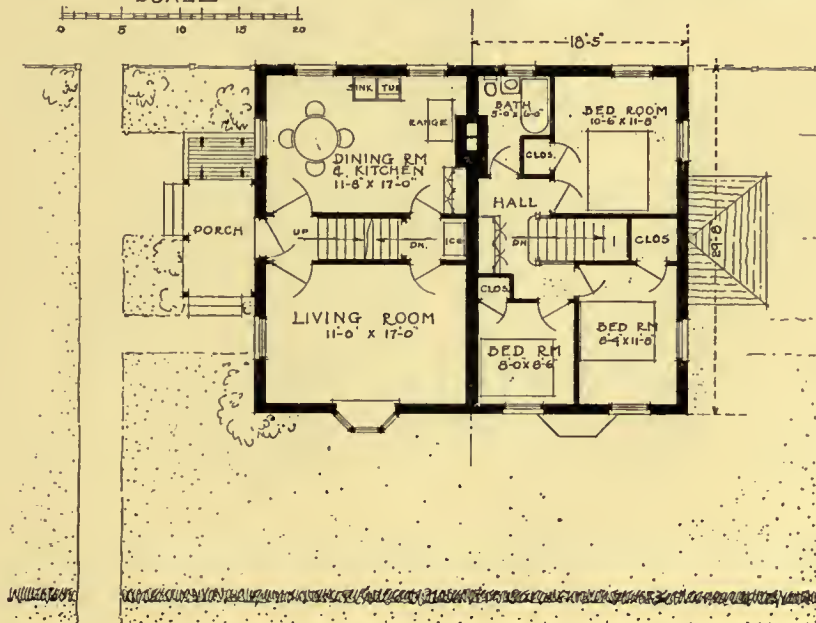
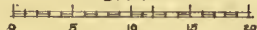
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BATH, MAINE



FIVE-ROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN SECOND FLOOR PLAN

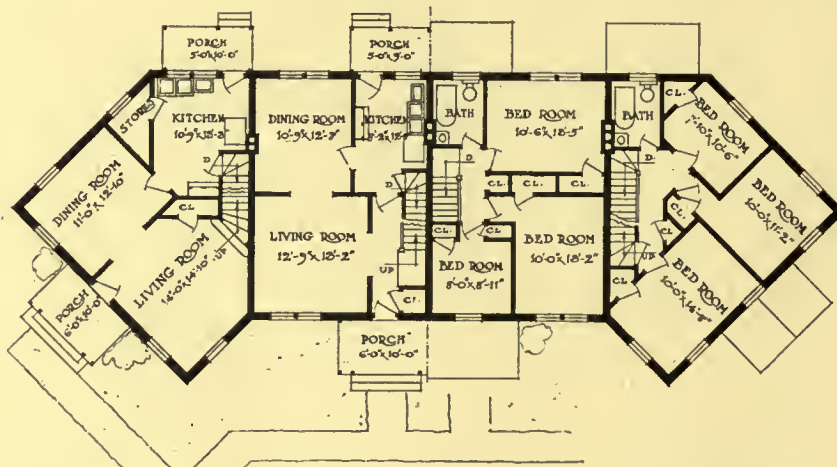
BATH, MAINE

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FOUR-FAMILY HOUSE

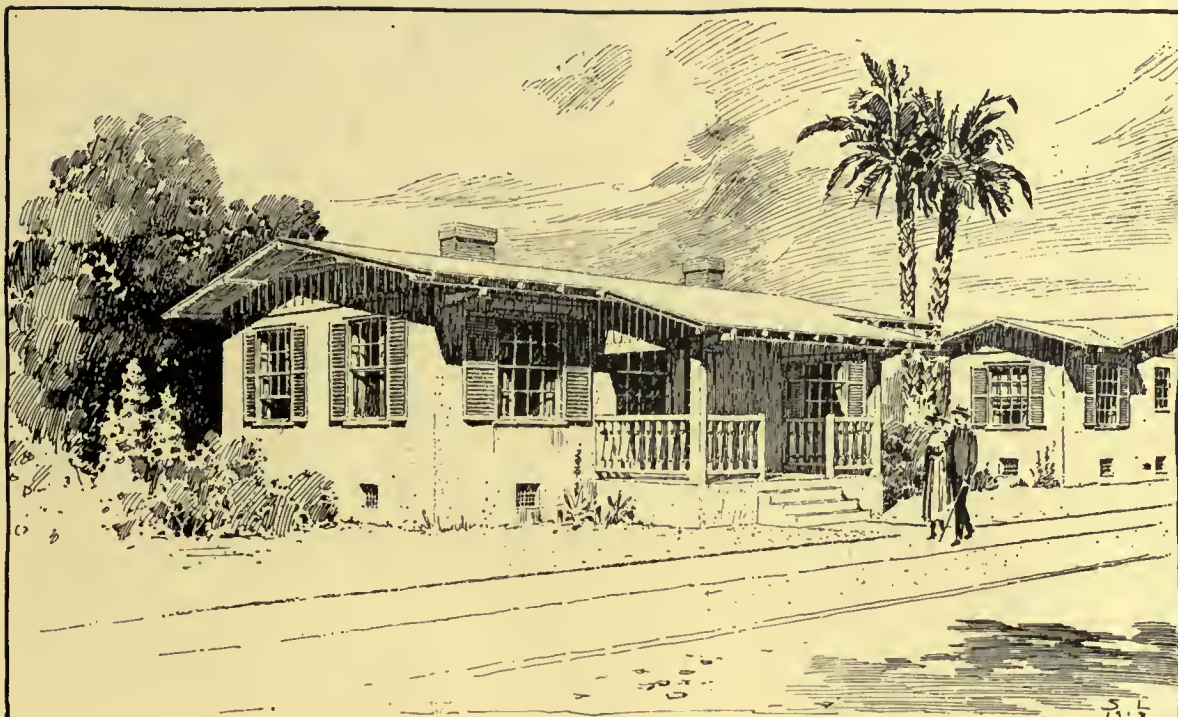
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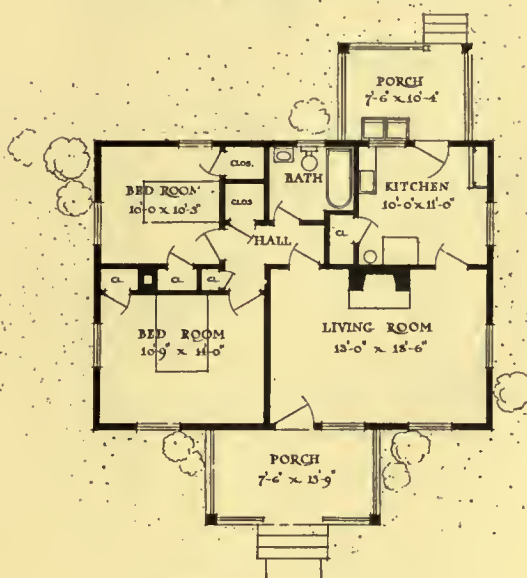
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SOUTH PHILADELPHIA, PA.



DETACHED HOUSE

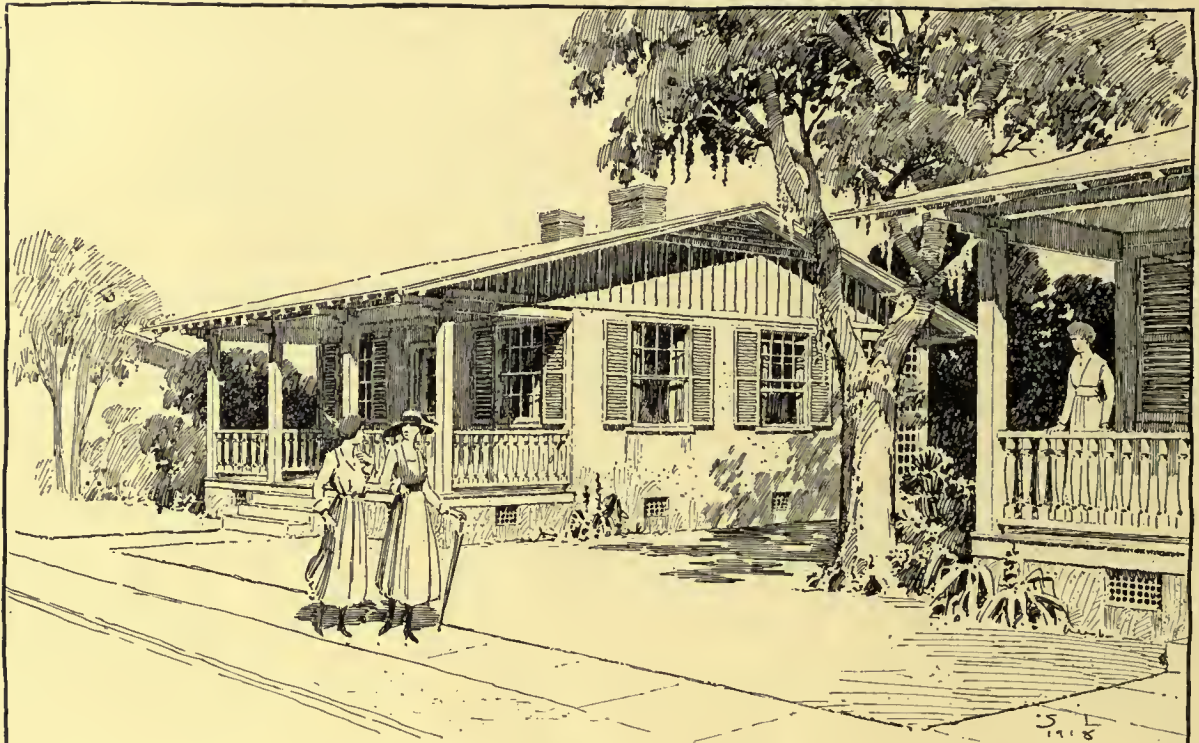
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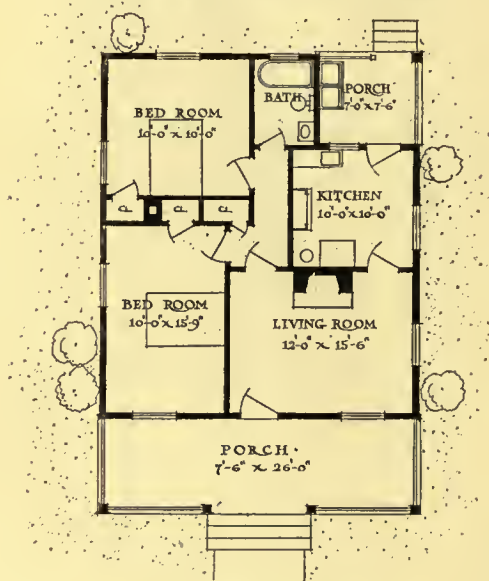
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

FLETCHER PARK

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE, FLA.



DETACHED HOUSE
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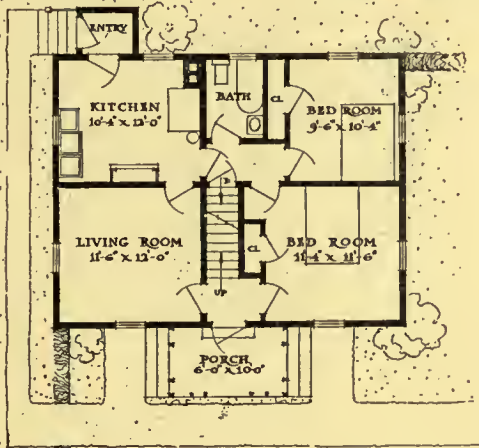
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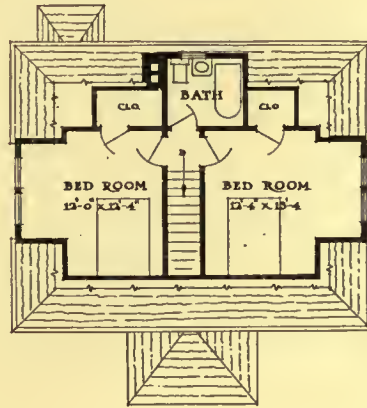


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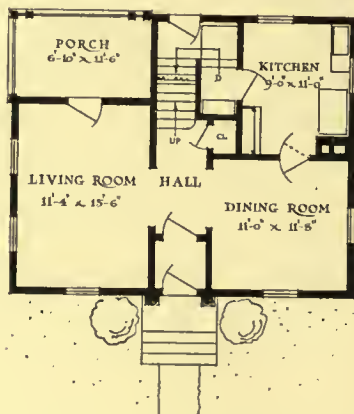
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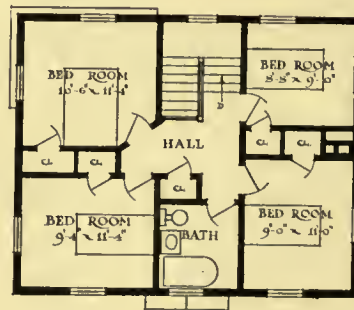


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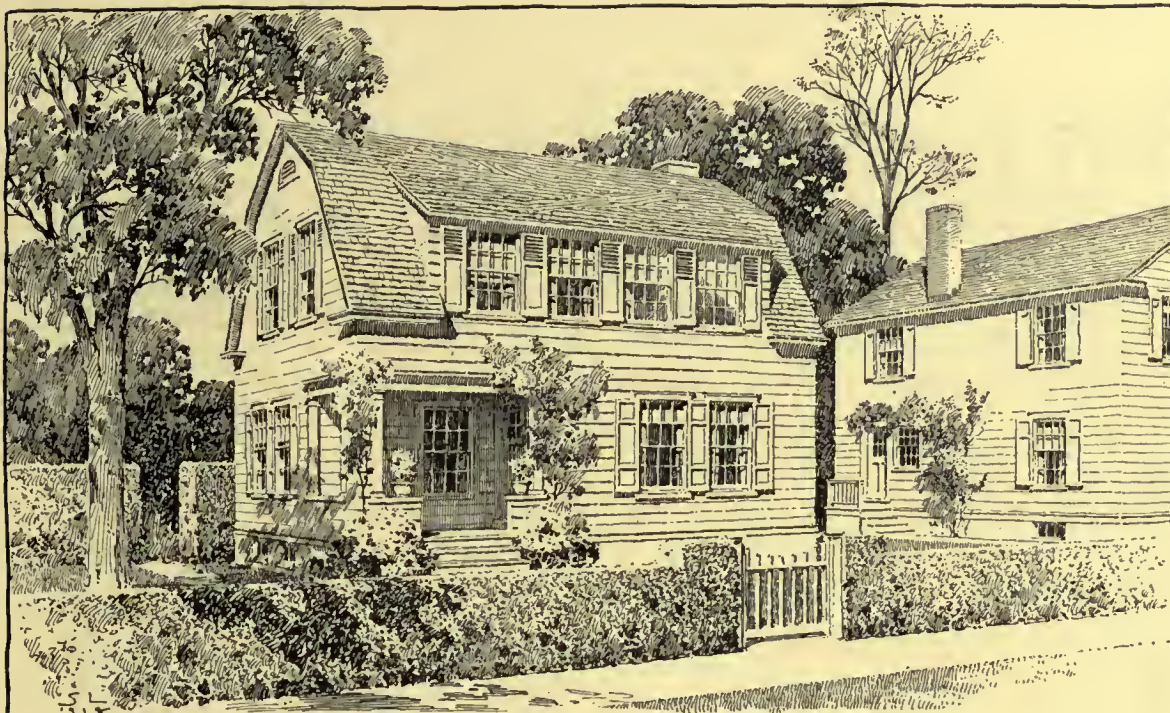
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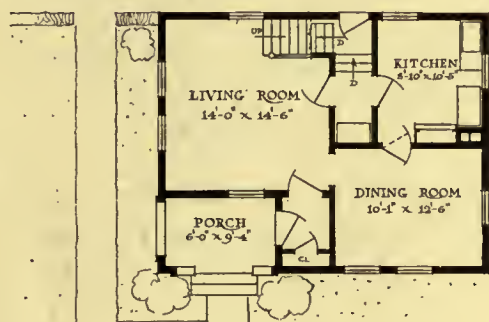
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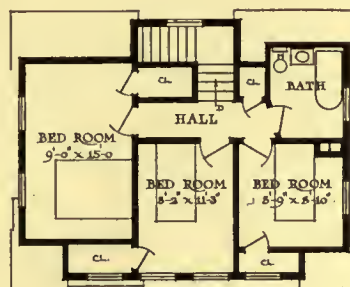


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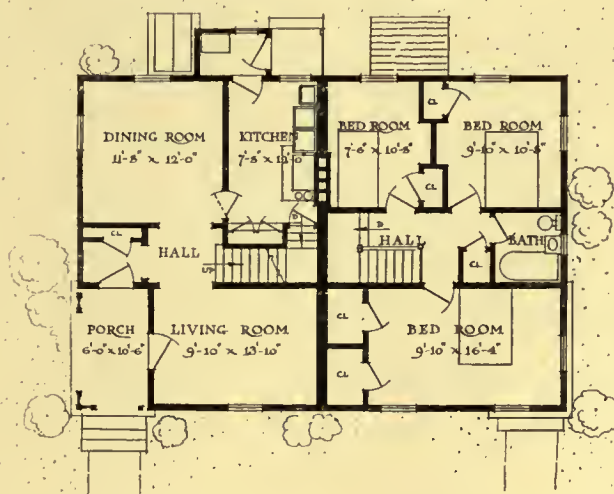


NEWBURGH, NEW YORK



SEMI ~ DETACHED HOUSE

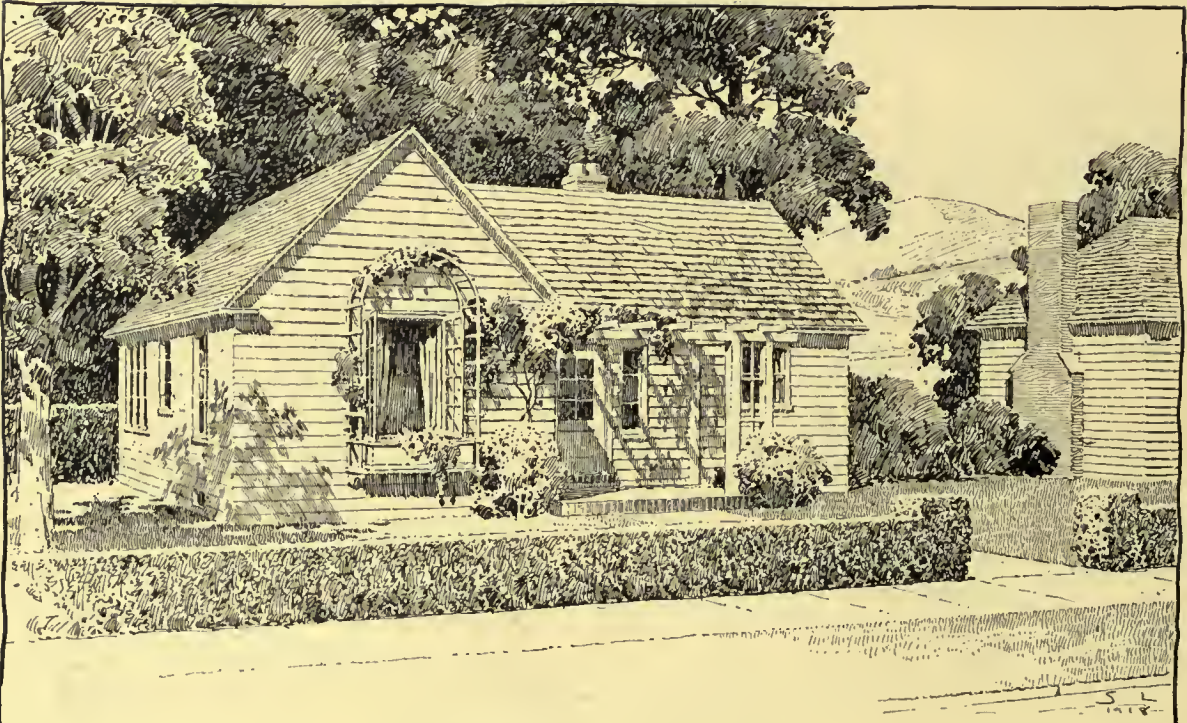
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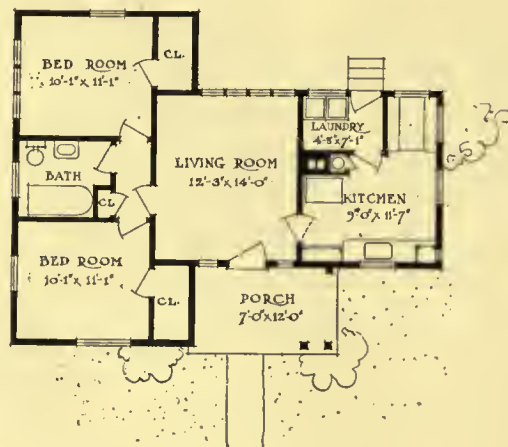
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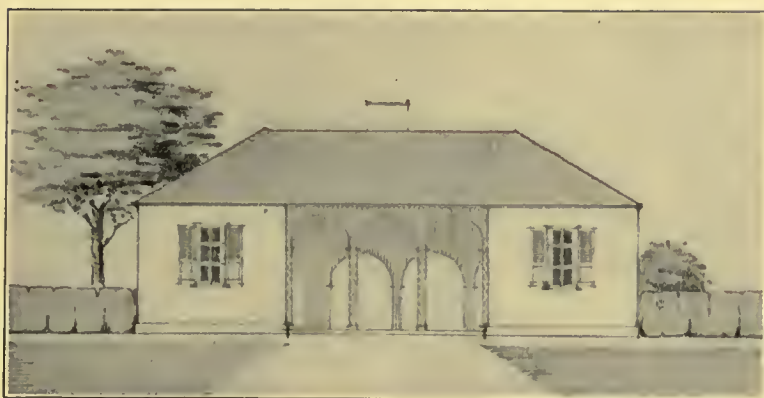


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